(b) to (d) The reservation quotas available at Bokaro are generally adequate except in Delhi bound trains where the demand in sleeper class is slightly more than the quota and therefore a fresh quota of 5 sleeper class berths by 2801 Purushottam Express w.e.f. 22.3.1994 and an additional quota of one sleeper class berth by 2815 Puri-New Delhi Express w.e.f. 8.4.94 is being allotted at this station ex. Gomoh.

(d) Does not arise.

Linking of Purulia Railway Station with Bokaro via Kotshila route

2969. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Purulia Railway Station has been linked with Bokaro via Kotshila route which is the shortest route in comparison to the existing one;

(b) whether the railways have any proposal to route Purushottam Express through Purulia to Gomoh via Kotshila for Bokaro;

(c) if so, what are details therefor; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Operational constraints.

Metro Rail Project Calcutta

2970. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of on-going of Metro Rail, Calcutta;

(b) whether lack of finance has delayed the total Project;

(c) whether connection between Esplanade to Dum Dum is being delayed; and

(d) if so, the facts and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Out of 16.45 km length, two sections viz., Dum Dum to Belgachia (2.22 km) and Esplanade to Tollygunj (7.57 km), totalling to 9.79 km have been completed and commissioned for traffic by 1986.

(b) to (d) Lack of funds and non-availability of land had delayed the project in the initial stages. However, allocation of funds has been increased considerably in the later years. Dum Dum to Belgachia has already been completed while the rest of the section upto Esplanade will be completed by 1995. There are still six plots of land yet to be made available by the State Government of West Bengal for the Project.

Development in the fuel efficiency kit for diesel locomotives

2971. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a fuel efficiency kit for diesel locomotives has been indigenously developed in the country;

(b) if so, what is the extent of saving in fuel consumption achieved with the use of this kit; and

(c) what is the likely annual saving of fuel with the introduction of the device?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Saving in fuel consumption is approximately 7.5 per cent.

(c) The likely saving of fuel at this level is expected to be approximately 48,000 litres per year per loco in use.

यात्रियों के लिये बीमा-योजनायें

2972. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय :**
श्री ब्रह्मदेव आनन्द पासवान :

क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि रेल द्वारा आरक्षित या अनारक्षित टिकटों पर यात्रा करने वाले यात्रियों के लिए सामूहिक बीमा योजना या अन्य बीमा योजना उपलब्ध है ;

(ख) क्या रेल-यात्रा के दौरान किन्हीं कारणों से रेल यात्री के घायल हो जाने या उसकी मृत्यु हो जाने पर उसे वायुयान से यात्रा करने वाले यात्रियों के समतुल्य मुआवजा राशि का भुगतान किया जाता है ;

(ग) क्या सरकार रेल यात्रियों के जीवन, सम्पत्ति और स्वास्थ्य की सुरक्षा को सुनिश्चित करने के लिए उत्तरदायी है ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो ऐसा कब तक सुनिश्चित किया जायेगा ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री के०सी० लेंका) (क) और (ख) जी, नहीं ।

(ग) और (घ) राज्य सरकारें रेलवे स्टेशनों और चलती गाड़ियों सहित रेल परिसरों में कानून और व्यवस्था बनाए रखने तथा अपराध पर नियंत्रण रखने के लिए जिम्मेवार हैं । राजकीय रेलवे पुलिस रेलों के साथ निकट समन्वय रखकर यात्री गाड़ियों का मार्ग रक्षण करने, रेलवे परिसरों में गश्त लगाने, आसूचना एकत्रित करने का काम करती है, अपराधियों तथा ज्ञात बदमाशों पर निगरानी रखती है, रेलों पर अपराध करने वाले अपराधियों के विरुद्ध मामले दर्ज करती हैं, उनकी जांच करती हैं तथा उन पर मुकदमा चलाती हैं ।

जहां तक यात्री गाड़ियों में यात्रियों के बीमार हो जाने का संबंध है, सभी यात्री गाड़ियों में गार्डो के पास प्राथमिक चिकित्सा पेटी उपलब्ध होती है । जिन स्टेशनों पर रेलवे स्वास्थ्य यूनिट/रेलवे अस्पताल होते हैं वहां संदेश पहुंचने पर रेलवे चिकित्सा अधिकारियों द्वारा बीमार यात्रियों का इलाज किया जाता है ।

Compensation to the next of kin of dead and injured school children involved in train accident near Pune

2973. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the amount of compensation given in each case to the next of kin of the dead and injured school children involved in train accident near Pune on 11th December, 1993 alongwith the names of the beneficiaries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): As this mishap does not come under the purview of Section 124 of the Railways Act, 1989, no compensation has been paid to the next of kin of the dead and injured school children. However an amount of Rs. 52,500/- has been paid as ex-gratia to the injured.

Restraints on multimodal transport operation

@2974. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news report

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